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Superintendent



Lt. Colonel Frank Lioi, Chief of the Field Operations Bureau, addresses media during a news conference at the Waterloo Barrack.



Troopers and county officers at news conference prior to teaming up for enforcement in Baltimore Co.

MSP Focused On Impaired Driving Risks Over 4th of July Week

State troopers make nearly 19,000 traffic stops, more than 230 DUI arrests over holiday

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(PIKESVILLE, MD) – During the week of July 4th, additional troopers were on patrol using a variety of initiatives to keep traffic moving, respond quickly to highway incidents and take appropriate enforcement action when violations were observed that threatened the safety of travelers.

Troopers from each of the 23 Maryland State Police barracks focused enforcement efforts on impaired driving, aggressive driving, speeding, distracted driving and other violations that often contribute to highway tragedies. Additional troopers worked overtime assignments funded by highway safety grants from the Maryland Department of Transportation Highway Safety Office.

In addition to working enforcement in cooperation with local police depart-

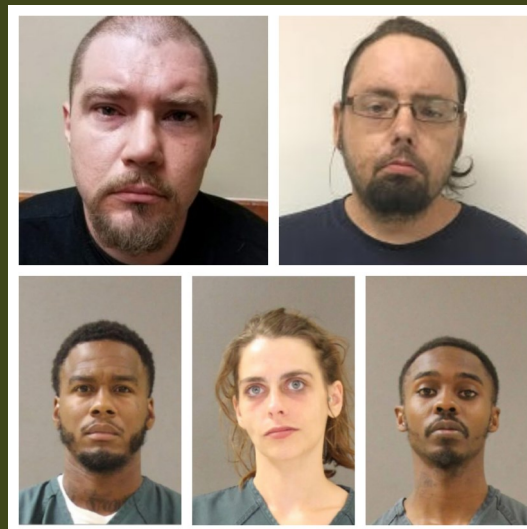
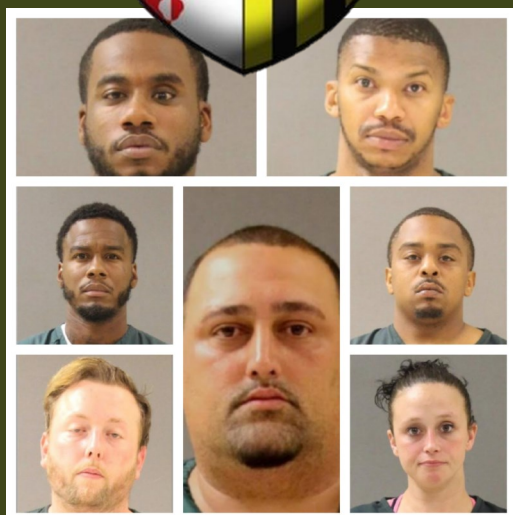
ments, troopers worked closely with personnel from the Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration. SHA provided significant help arranging detours at crash sites and conducting courtesy patrols to assist motorists.

Overall, increased patrols by state troopers due to the Fourth of July holiday resulted in 18,993 traffic stops and 233 DUI arrests. Troopers issued 12,259 citations, 12,389 warnings and 1,935 safety equipment repair orders between June 29th and July 8th.

Troopers continue to urge drivers not to drive distracted and to make traffic safety their first priority whenever they are behind the wheel. Help us keep Maryland highways safe not just during a holiday week, but all year long.



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14 Arrested As Police Work To Dismantle Heroin/Fentanyl Distribution Operation In Maryland

(ANNAPOLIS, Md.) — A cooperative cross-jurisdictional and multi-state drug investigation has so far led to 14 arrests with more expected as police continue to dismantle a drug trafficking organization they believe was responsible for the distribution of heroin and fentanyl throughout Maryland.

The arrests so far include 12 adults and two juveniles. The suspects arrested face charges that include conspiracy to distribute narcotics (heroin and fentanyl), possession with intent to distribute a controlled dangerous substance (heroin), along

with drug kingpin charges and multiple charges pertaining to criminal gang participation.

The investigation began in the fall of 2015 and was led by the Maryland State Police Criminal Enforcement Division Central South Narcotics Unit in partnership with the Anne Arundel County State's Attorney's Office. Information developed during the investigation indicates the arrestees were part of a drug trafficking operation supplying drugs, especially heroin and fentanyl throughout Baltimore City and Anne Arundel, Prince George's

and Baltimore counties.

Assistance in this investigation is being provided by agents from Homeland Security Investigations and officers from the Annapolis City Police Department and the Anne Arundel County Police Department.

The Anne Arundel County State's Attorney's Office is providing guidance and support as the investigation continues. Additional arrests and charges are expected.

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Five Years Later, SPIDRE Continues To Combat Impaired Driving In Maryland

Five years after being launched, the State Police Impaired Driving Effort, or SPIDRE Team, continues its mission of targeting areas for enforcement across Maryland with high crash rates involving impaired drivers.

The goal of the SPIDRE Team is to improve highway safety and help Maryland achieve the goal of zero deaths on our roadways. The SPIDRE Team is funded by the Maryland Department of Transportation's Highway Safety Office.

This effort was highlighted between July 12-15, 2018, when the SPIDRE Team was deployed in



Baltimore County and for a special saturation patrol and checkpoint in the Annapolis area. On July 13, the SPIDRE team assisted troopers from the Annapolis and Glen Burnie Barracks with a DUI checkpoint and saturation patrol. Eight DUI arrests were made, including three by the SPIDRE Team.

On July 14, a trooper came upon a two-vehicle crash on Rt. 40 east at Martin Boulevard in Baltimore County. The at-fault driver was transporting his girlfriend and infant child. The driver was later arrested for DUI. The trooper had previously arrested this same person for DUI a year before.

“This elite team of specially-trained

state troopers and their partners continue to make arrests, reducing the number of deaths and injuries due to drunk and drugged driving,” said Lt. Colonel Frank Lioi, Chief of the Maryland State Police Field Operations Bureau, during a recent media event. “The SPIDRE Team marks five very successful years of operation by continuing to work in areas where impaired drivers and drunk driving crashes are known to be most prevalent.”

Since deploying in May 2013, SPIDRE Team troopers have made 2,754 DUI arrests and 124 criminal arrests, while also conducting 8,368 traffic stops and issuing 18,775 citations and 4,089 warnings.



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MSP, Vehicle Theft Prevention Council Offer Tips To Secure Cars

Safety Tip of the Month

Even the perception of valuables in a vehicle can make them an attractive target for thieves. For example, a suction cup ring for a smartphone or GPS device on a windshield or an empty purse in sight could draw potential thieves to your vehicle.



(PIKESVILLE, Md.) - The Maryland State Police, along with the Maryland Vehicle Theft Prevention Council, reminded motorists to take simple steps to prevent their vehicles from being stolen during July, which was National Vehicle Theft Prevention Month.

In Maryland, a car is stolen every 40 minutes, while one is stolen every 45 seconds in the United States.

Overall, 50 percent of vehicles stolen had the keys inside the vehicle, while 60 percent of the vehicles stolen were left unlocked. More than 66 percent of vehicle thefts occur at night and 95 percent of the vehicles stolen had no anti-theft devices.

Nearly 750,000 vehicles were stolen in the United



States in 2016. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 42 percent of all stolen motor vehi-

cles are never recovered.

- while your vehicle is running;
- Do not leave the keys in your vehicle;
- Always stow away your valuables.



cles are never recovered.

Here are steps you can take to prevent motor vehicle theft:

- Close and lock all windows and doors when you park;
- Park in well-lit areas;
- Do not leave the area

The Maryland General Assembly created the Vehicle Theft Prevention Council in 1994, as a statewide planning and dedicated funding resource. The Council embraces a statewide strategy directed at public awareness, vehicle theft by juveniles, law enforcement and prosecution, through a grant award process.

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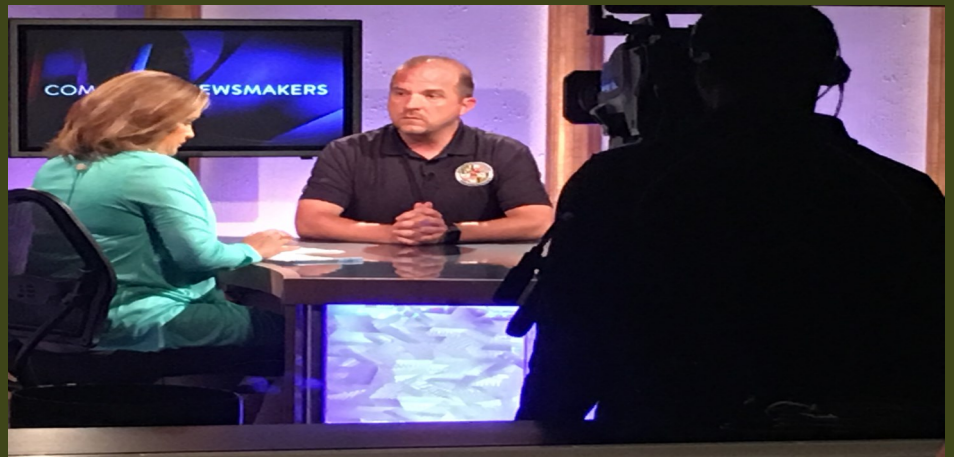
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Maryland State Police Highlight Efforts To Combat Human Trafficking

Many in law enforcement agencies say that Maryland is a “hot spot” for human trafficking.

Traffickers use many of our highways, especially Interstate 95, to connect victims to major East Coast cities such as New York, Baltimore, Philadelphia, and Washington, D.C. With major highways come numerous rest stops, truck stops, and bus stations, all of which have proven to be a primary location for traffickers to exploit their victims.

Cpl. Chris Heid, of the Maryland State Police Child Recovery Unit, highlighted those issues and more during a recent interview with Comcast Newsmakers. Cpl. Heid also discussed the work of the FBI-led Maryland Child Exploitation Task Force.



The task force was created in 2010 to combat child prostitution, with members from 10 state and federal law enforcement agencies. The task force coordinates with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and the Maryland State Police Child Recovery Unit to identify missing children being advertised online for prostitution.

According to Maryland State Police figures, from July 2017 to July 2018, the State Police has issued three Amber Alerts for children, 72 Silver Alerts for adults, investigated 77 cases of suspected human trafficking and 75 cases that involved missing children.

It is estimated that 14,500 to 17,500 people are trafficked into the United States and another 200,000 are estimated to be trafficked within the country each year.

For additional information, visit <https://www.justice.gov/usao-md/project-safe-childhood>



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MSP Aviation Command's Mission Continues To Evolve

Whether it is to care for a person injured while working under a truck in Hagerstown, following a fall in Garrett County, ejected from a vehicle in Queen Anne's County or stabbed in St. Mary's County, those who are a part of the Maryland State Police Aviation Command can face any number of challenges on a daily basis.

Through July 15, the Aviation Command has completed 1,063 medevac missions, transported 1,112 patients, completed six hoist rescues and located 29 suspects this year. In 2017, the Aviation Command completed 1,922 medevac missions, transported 1,998 patients, assisted with 702 law enforcement/

homeland security/disaster missions, located/arrested 31 suspects and completed 184 search and rescue missions and eight hoist missions.



(Photos courtesy of A. Madsen)

The successful outcomes of these challenging missions highlight the multi-mission capability of the Maryland State Police Aviation Command. A fleet of 10 AW-139 helicopters based out of seven sec-

tions across the state provide round-the-clock care to citizens who visit and live within Maryland.

The Maryland State Police has been serving Maryland from above since 1954 when we acquired our first aircraft, a donated Stinson L5, two-seat, radio-equipped airplane. Since the first medevac mission in 1970, Aviation Command personnel have transported over 150,000 patients.

The Aviation Command mission has grown to include law enforcement and homeland security support, search and rescue, aerial rescue and disaster assessment.

To learn more, visit <http://mdsp.maryland.gov/Organization/Pages/SupportServicesBureau/AviationCommand.aspx>

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(L to R) Cpl. James Lantz, Lt. Diane Hansen, TFC Charles Tiggett and D/Sgt. Doug Forrester helped promote a virtual food drive that supported the Maryland Food Bank.

MSP Golden Ring Barrack Raises \$1,100 For Maryland Food Bank

(MIDDLE RIVER, Md.) — Following a month-long virtual food drive, the Maryland State Police Golden Ring Barrack raised \$1,106 in support of the Maryland Food Bank. The total surpassed the \$1,000 goal set by the barrack as part of the effort, which took place from June 20 to July 20.

The drive took place over the summer to assist the food bank during a time when food donations typically decrease, yet the need to assist those who need help remains as prevalent as any other time of the year.

The effort was conducted online so that those who wished to donate could be provided options for the type of food they would like to donate, based on a determination by the Maryland Food Bank regarding what items were most needed. This helped ensure the right foods needed by the most people were obtained.

Great work by all of those who helped make this effort a success in trying to make a difference in the lives of those in need in Maryland.



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Traffic Stop Leads To Arrest On Drugs, Weapon Charges In Cecil Co.

(PERRYVILLE, Md.) – A routine traffic stop for a seat belt violation led Maryland State Police to arrest a suspect on drugs and weapon charges in Cecil County.

The suspect, Kahlil Sharif Burnam, 38, of Crofton, Md. was charged with three counts of felony possession of a firearm, and one count of felony possession of a controlled dangerous substance (CDS) with intent to distribute. He was also charged with five additional misdemeanors relating to the possession of the firearm and CDS.

Shortly after 3:30 p.m. on July 4, 2018, a Maryland state trooper assigned to the JFK Highway Barrack, observed Burnam not wearing his seatbelt while operating a 2012 Chevrolet Camaro, northbound on I-95 in Cecil County. After stopping the vehicle, the trooper detected the odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle.

A probable cause search of the vehicle revealed over 714 grams of marijuana, drug paraphernalia, a .40 caliber Glock handgun with three loaded magazines. A background check revealed Burnam is prohibited from possessing firearms.

After his initial appearance before a court commissioner, Burnam was held in the Cecil County Detention Center on no bond. After a bond hearing the following day, his bond was then set at \$10,000 and he was released pending trial.

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